Sl. No	Name of the Owner	Type of Vehicle	Regn. No. & Model	Amount Paid Rs.
7.	Sh. Raj Kumar Singh, S/o Sh. Babu Singh Vill. Pachwa, P.O. Akbarpur Distt. Firozabad	Marsha! Jeep	UP-83-C-1929 (Model 1999)	51,953.00
8.	Smt. Shankuntala Devi, W/o Sh. Ran Singh 197-Ummedi, Etawah	Marshal Jeep	Up-75-C-1671 (Model 1999)	45.335.00
	GRAND TOTAL:			4,92,818.00

Surrender of Telephones by BSNL Consumers

†914. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether lakhs of consumers of BSNL have surrendered their telephones during the year 2001 -2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the revenue loss as a result thereof; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Sir, nearly 725894 telephone connections have been voluntarily surrendered during the year 2001 -2002. The State/Union Territory wise information of surrendered telephones is given in Statement-I. *{See* below).

(c) While BSNL has been requested to conduct a survey to ascertain the reasons for such surrender/disconnection, as per available information the main reasons are given in Statement-ll. *(See* below)

(d) and (e)The average estimated annual loss due to rentals is about Rs. 87.00 crores. It is not feasible to identify with any degree of precision the revenue loss caused by such surrender of telephones in terms of traffic because the traffic is redistributed among existing telephone connections.

†Original notice of the question was rjpeived in Hindi.

Statement-I

State-wise details of telephones surrendered during 2001-2002

SI. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of Telephones Surrendered
1.	Andhra Pradesh	21137
2.	Assam	1012
3.	Bihar	2350
4.	Chhattisgarh	13933
5.	Goa	3282
6.	Gujarat	91551
7.	Haryana	6819
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1098
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2244
10.	Jharkhand	3734
11.	Karnataka	216753
12.	Kerala including Lakshadweep	8068
13.	Madhya Pradesh	29525
14.	Maharashtra	58117
15.	Meghalaya	1822
16.	NE-II (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland)	0000
17.	Orissa	27
18.	Punjab	15686
19.	Rajasthan	23062
20.	Sikkim	34
21.	Tamil Nadu including Chennai	153908
22.	Uttar Pradesh	24035
23.	Uttaranchal	2056
24.	West Bengal including Kolkata	26838
25.	Mizoram	0000
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	808
27.	Pondicherry	17181
28.	Tripura	814
	TOTAL	72*894

Statement-ll

Reasons for surrender of telephone connections during the year 2001-2002

(i) The requirement to file income tax return. (This criteria has now been withdrawn)

(ii) Easy availability of telephones leading to customers surrendering telephones at old station and getting a new connection at the new station while shifting from one place to another instead of applying for all India shift.

(iii) Surrendering the second telephone because of improvement of services.

(iv) Surrendering of OYT and Tatkal Category telephones consequent to taking up new telephone connections under Non-OYT category in areas where telephones are available on demand.

(v) Economic slowdown.

Network of IT parks

915. DR AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any schemes for setting up network of IT parks in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and other States;

(b) if so, the number of IT parks planned for Uttar Pradesh and other States and the central aid/contribution allocated or commited therefor;
and

(c) the progress made in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SAJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, sir. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under the Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology is implementing the Software Technology Park (STP) Scheme. STPI has already set up 35 Centres in different parts of the country, including Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, as per State-wise list placed as Statement-I. (Seebelow)